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SUBJECT: FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION, COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS: ITEMS 6(A) AND 6(B): REPORT OF DND AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES (17 FEB 1978)

- 1. SUMMARY: SEVERAL DELEGATES EXPRESSED STRONG DEMAND FOR HIGHER PRIORITY (I.E. MORE RESOURCES) FOR DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM AND DISSATISFACTION WITH ENCROACHMENT ON UNFDAC BUDGET BY REGULAR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES. THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR COMPILATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF DRUG CONTROL ORGANS INSTEAD OF COSTLY HISTORICAL REVIEW. THE UNITED STATES' PROPOSED HANDLING OF THE RESOLUTION 32/124 WAS GENERALLY SUPPORTED, AND, UNDER A,2/123, NORWAY DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED 5.4 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC'S BURMA PROGRAM. REPORTS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANS (6B) CONTAINED LITTLE OF INTEREST. END SUMMARY.
- 2. TURKISH DELEGATE LED OFF DISCUSSION FEB 16 UNDER ITEM 6(A) WITH FORTHRIGHT EXPRESSION OF UNHAPPINESS OVER ECOSOC WATERING DOWN OF CND DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR "ABOVE AVERAGE PRIORITY" FOR DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM. WITH REGARD TO THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION'S AGREEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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"TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION" TO ABSORBING ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD OF THE DIVISION IN NEXT BUDGET CYCLE, TURK POINTED OUT THAT THIS WORKLOAD WAS PART OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES AND SHOULD BE FUNDED FROM REGULAR PROGRAM BUDGET, AS MATTER OF COURSE.

3. US DEL MADE SAME POINTS IN SOMEWHAT MILDER VEIN.

CANADIAN AND SWEDE ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH THE TURKISH POSITION ON PRIORITIES AND THE NEED TO PROTECT THE FUND FROM ENCROACHMENT BY REGULAR PROGRAM ACITIVITIES. DR. LING OF DND SAID THAT IF DELEGATES FELT SO STRONGLY ABOUT THIS, THEY SHOULD GO TO WORK TO EDUCATE THEIR NATIONS' REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GA AND ECOSOC.

- 4. SOVIET DEL PREDICTABLY DEMURRED, SAYING ITS POSITION REMAINED AS STATED BY SOV DEL TO 62ND SESSION OF ECOSOC.
- 5. IN DISCUSSION OF ECOSOC RES 2066, ON "COORDINATION OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN AREAS OF ILLICIT PRODUCTION OF NARCOTIC RAW MATERIALS," UNDP REP URGED THAT UNDP FIELD OF OFFICES SHOULD SERVE AS FOCAL POINTS FOR CROP SUBSTITUTION EFFORTS.
- 6. MOST DELEGATES COMMENTING ON DND'S DISCUSSION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF PREPARING A PUBLICATION ON THE WORK OF THE CND SINCE 1946 SHARED US DEL'S OPINION THAT A SIMPLE COMPILATION OF PERTINENT UN DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS WOULD BE PREFERABLE LESS COSTLY AND ADEQUATE TO THE INTENDED PURPOSE. THE GERMAN DELEGATE AGREED BUT NOTED THAT THE GA HAS BEEN ASKED WHETHER SOME OF THE JOBS OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS MIGHT NOT BE EXERCISED BY ECOSOC ITSELF. IN THIS CONTEXT, A MORE ELABORATE REPORT ON THE LAST DECADE'S DRUG CONTROL ACTIVITIES MIGHT BE VALUABLE. HOWEVER, HE WAS PREPARED TO ENDORSE THE IDEA OF A COMPILATION. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET DELEGATE MADE A RESERVATION THAT THE COMPILATION SHOULD NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

- 7. THE US SUGGESTION THAT THE DND PREPARE PRINCIPLES TO HELP GOVTS DESIGN DOMESTIC LEGISLATION WAS WELCOMED BY THE DIVISION.
- 8. SESSION FEB 17 BEGAN WITH PRESENTATION BY US DEL OF PROPOSED DECISION ON THE HANDLING OF RESOLUTION 32/124. THE US PROPOSAL WAS WELCOMED BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS AND REPS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANS. UNESCO AND WHO REPS IN PARTICULAR SAID THEY STOOD READY TO TAKE PART IN STUDIES, ASSIST GOVERNMENTS IN SETTING UP CENTERS AND PILOT PROJECTS.
- 9. THE CANADIAN DELEGATE COMMENTED THAT WHILE THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANS COULD APPROPRIATELY HELP IN SOME OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND PILOT PROJECTS IN CONNECTION WITH 32/124, THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS WAS IN THE DOMAIN OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS DESIRING AID IN THIS CONNECTION. SUCH AID, CANADA FELT, WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE USE OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

FUNDS.

10. SEVERAL SPEAKERS, INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION, CALLED ATTENTION TO THE DANGER OF TOO FORMAL AND PRECISE AN INTERPRETATION OF THE TERMS "MODEL" AND "CENTERS". THEY SHOULD BE INTERPRETED BROADLY.

11. NORWEGIAN OBSERVER, LEADING DISCUSSION OF 32/124, REVIEWED NORWAY'S PAST EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF UNFDAC (ADVOCACY IN NORDIC MEETINGS, ECE, AND ECOSOC, BESIDES ITS CONTRIBUTION) AND SAID THE YEAR 1978 COULD BE A DECISIVE ONE FOR THE FUND. HE DESCRIBED NORWAY'S 5 YEAR \$5.4 MIL-

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LION CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNFDAC/BUREAU PROGRAM ANNOUNCED LAST YEAR AND APPEALED TO THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW NORWAY'S EXAMPLE. SEVERAL SUBSEQUENT SPEAKERS PRAISED NORWAY FOR ITS GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION.

12. DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6(B) CONTAINED NOTHING OF IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE. TURKEY'S DELEGATE CRITIZED UNDP FOR THE SMALLNESS OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM. HE SAID UNDP SHOULD, FOR INSTANCE, BE CONTRIBUTING TO UNFDAC. CANADA'S DELEGATE CHIMED IN WITH A CHARACTERIZATION OF UNDP PROGRAM GUIDELINES AS TOO RIGID. OTHERWISE, THE ITEM WAS COVERED IN UNEVENTFUL FASHION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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